

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 4 and 6-10 are pending in the present application. By this Response, claims 1 and 6 are amended and claims 3, 5 and 11-22 are canceled. Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the subject matter of claims 3 and 5. Claim 6 is amended to correct its dependency in view of the cancellation of claim 3 and for minor informalities. Reconsideration of the claims in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Amendments were made to the specification to correct errors and to clarify the specification. No new matter has been added by any of the amendments to the specification.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank Examiner Stoykov for the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 5 and 6. By this Response, Applicants amend independent claim 1 to include the allowable subject matter of claim 5 as indicated by the Examiner on page 9 of the Office Action dated November 3, 2004. Claims 2, 4 and 6-10 are dependent on independent claim 1 and, thus, are allowable by virtue of their dependency on independent claim 1.

II. Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the subject application is patentable over the prior art of record and is now in condition for allowance. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number if in the opinion of the Examiner such a telephone conference would expedite or aid the prosecution and examination of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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